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SUBJECT: NOTORIOUS "TI-BLANC" ARRESTED

11. On April 4 at approximately 9:50 pm, Haitian National Police (HNP) arrested William Baptiste, aka "Ti-Blanc," in the Delmas 33 neighborhood of Port-au-Prince. Ti-Blanc was passing through an HNP checkpoint when he and his driver were apprehended. MINUSTAH was not involved in the arrest. Ti-Blanc was among the top ten most wanted gang leaders in Haiti and is accused of numerous murders and kidnappings in the Simone Pele and Cite Militaire slums. According to press reports, he is 27 years old. His arrest represents another success in the GoH's recent crackdown on gang activity, which has driven many of the most notorious gang leaders from their bases and appears to be scaring gangs into giving up weapons to the GoH's disarmament program (CNDDR).
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